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SUBJECT: KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
AGREEMENT WITH US

1. MEMCON JULY 25 RE COURTESY CALL BY NEW KOREAN SCIENCE ATTACHE DR. YONG KYR LIM ON SCI DIRECTOR POLLACK (COPY POUCHED EMBASSY) REPORTED KOREANS PRESENTED TO POLLACK DRAFT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY USG.

2. SCIENCE ATTACHE HAS AGAIN QUERIED DEPARTMENT ON US VIEWS ON ADOPTING SUCH AN AGREEMENT. WE REITERATED DESIRE, PRIOR TO STUDYING TEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT, TO LEARN WHAT PROJECTS KOREA THINKS WOULD COME UNDER SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND MAGNITUDE OF FUNDS KOREA PLANS PUT INTO PROGRAMS. LIM HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD, BUT SIMPLY REPEATED SCIENCE MINISTER CHOI'S INTEREST IN  
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SIGNING S AND T AGREEMENT.

3. THESE REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE RELATED TO APPROACH TO NSF DIRECTOR STEVER BY MINISTER CHOI DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MARCH 1973, LATER REPEATED WHEN NSF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS HEAD BARTOCHA VISITED SEOUL IN APRIL, WITH PROPOSAL FOR AGENCY-TO-AGENCY COOPERATIVE SCIENCE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PROGRAMS IN

OCEANOGRAPHY, ENERGY, POLLUTION, IMPROVEMENT OF SCIENCE EDUCATION, PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE, AND S AND T APPLICATIONS TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. BARTOCHA TOOK POSITION THAT PROPOSED COOPERATION APPEARED LACK ELEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND GAVE KOREANS NO ENCOURAGEMENT. NSF TOOK THE VIEW THAT KOREAN PROPOSAL LACKED SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE TO JUSTIFY AGENCY-TO-AGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND SUSPECTED KOREANS MAY HAVE INTENDED AGREEMENT TO BE VEHICLE FOR RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. THIS SECOND APPROACH BY SCIENCE ATTACHE IN ABSENCE OF LIST OF PROPOSED COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROJECTS AND WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE OF SUBSTANCE WITH WHICH AN AGREEMENT WOULD DEAL SUGGESTS PRINCIPAL MOTIVATION MAY BE POLITICAL.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS. ROGERS

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